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Dear Sirs/Madams:

I wanted to provide comment on the settlement proposal between Microsoft and the Department of Justice Antitrust Suit. I strongly believe we need to finalize this settlement and put this case behind us. It's been going on too long and not settling it at this point does nothing but drag down the economy and helps a few other non-competitive companies whose real motive has nothing to do with the case. This is particularly important at a time when our justice system needs to focus on eliminating terrorism and making our country a safe place to live and work. I have always thought this suit was counter-productive. This suit has been a drag on the high tech economy brought on by our own government. It has been blown way out of proportion and has done a lot of harm to Microsoft, the PC industry and the cottage industry that depends on Microsoft for their livelihood. Quite frankly, it hasn't helped our competitors either. The collapse of the .coms has clearly shown that Microsoft competitors chose a path that relies on over-inflated business plans that are not competitive in the marketplace. It was never clear to me that consumers were ever harmed by Microsoft. In fact, the opposite seems true, where more and more people are able to enjoy computing because of Microsoft. I believe this is a fair settlement that allows enough control while not choking the life out our company. I for one would like it just to be over.

Regards,

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